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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RYAN MAY 19 LETTER TO RYBICKI.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR RECTOR RYBICKI:

WE ARE ANXIOUS AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT FORMALLY BEGINNING THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY - WARSAW UNIVERSITY RELATIONSHIP INITIATED LAST YEAR. SPECIFICALLY, IN CONSEQUENCE OF DEAN WILSON'S VISIT TO WARSAW AND THE TENTATIVE GENERAL AGREEMENT INITIALED IN SEPTEMBER 1974, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED TWO OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBERS TO SERVE IN THE PROPOSED AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER STARTING THIS FALL.

AS A RESULT OF A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND INDIANA UNIVERSITY, PROFESSOR WALLACE FARNHAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AT URBANA-CHAMAPIGN HAS AGREED TO DIRECT THE CENTER DURING THE NEXT

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ACADEMIC YEAR. MEANWHILE, PROFESSOR RAYMOND HEDIN OF THE

BLOOMINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH HAS CONSENTED TO ACT AS

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR. BOTH SCHOLARS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES
TO COME TO WARSAW BY EARLY SEPTEMBER.

AT THE SAME TIME, INDIANA UNIVERSITY HAS OFFERED A
FELLOWSHIP FOR A JUNIOR STAFF MEMBER OF WARSAW UNIVERSITY
TO SPEND 1975-76 IN BLOOMINGTON, AS INDICATED IN DEAN
WILSON'S LETTER TO PRORECTOR KALUZYNSKI DATED NOVEMBER
14, 1974. WE ARE ALSO CONTINUING TO ASSESS OTHER MEANS
OF RECIPROCATING YOUR GENEROSITY, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE
DEVELOPMENT OF POLISH STUDIES.

AT THIS MOMENT, HOWEVER, AS THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION APPROACHES, IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE FOR
BOTH SIDES TO ATTACH THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE
LAUNCHING OF YOUR AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER. KNOWING YOUR
OWN SENTIMENTS ON THIS MATTER, WE HOPE THAT EVERYTHING
WILL PROCEED AS PLANNED.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JOHN W. RYAN
PRESIDENT

END TEXT

2. DEPARTMENT AND INDIANA UNIVERSITY URGENTLY REQUIRE
STATUS REPORT ON ASC IN ORDER FINALIZE PLANS FOR FARNHAM
AND HEDIN. INGERSOLL

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